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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, VS, ICRC

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM AMERICAN DETAINED IN SOUTH  
VIETNAM

REF: A) BANGKOK 10929 (BEING REPEATED TO GENEVA)  
B) STATE 130968, C) STATE 130969

1. REFTEL MESSAGE MUCH APPRECIATED. SIMILAR MESSAGE  
RECEIVED JUNE 11 BY AMERICAN RED CROSS FROM ICRC GENEVA.  
WE AND ARC HAVE INFORMED SCARBOROUGH FAMILY. ARC IS  
FURNISHING THEM WITH ICRC LETTER FORM FOR POSSIBLE REPLY  
TO JAY. PARENTS ASK FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE PASSED IN  
INTERIM IF CONVENIENT: "WE TOO ARE WELL AND HOPE TO BE  
REUNITED WITH YOU SOON."

2. SCARBOROUGH IS FORD FOUNDATION SCHOLAR STUDYING  
CHAM LANGUAGE MATERIALS WHO WAS ONE OF EIGHT US PRISONERS  
CAPTURED BY COMMUNIST FORCES AT BAN ME THUOT MARCH 10  
AND REPORTEDLY HELD IN PLEIKU PROVINCE. PREVIOUS CON-  
FIRMATION THAT GROUP WERE PRISONERS CAME FROM INDONESIAN  
AND IRANIAN ICCS MEMBERS CAPTURED WITH THEM AND RELEASED  
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IN MID-APRIL. REFS B AND C GIVE INFO ON UPI REPORT  
JUNE 4 WHICH WAS FIRST SUBSTANTIVE NEWS STORY ON THIS  
GROUP.

3. UPI JUNE 7 FROM BANGKOK BYLINED CHAD HUNTLEY QUOTES FROM TWO LETTERS FROM SCARBOROUGH TO HIS PARENTS (MR. AND MRS. MAX SCARBOROUGH (NOT "J.") OF THE CAMP HILL ADDRESS, ZIP CODE 17011) WHICH HUNTLEY APPARENTLY BROUGHT OUT OF SAIGON AND PRESUMABLY HAS MAILED TO PARENTS. UPI REPORT QUOTES JAY AS WRITING HE IS "LUCKY TO BE ALIVE," THAT HE IS WELL AND HAS ENOUGH TO EAT, IS HELD NEAR THAN AN, WITH SEVEN AMERICANS, TWO CANADIANS AN AUSTRALIAN, AND A FILIPINO (ALL NAMED). DETAILS IN LETTERS ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE IN EARLIER UPI REPORT FROM SAIGON (REF C), WHICH WE ASSUME WAS BASED ON THEM.

4. FOR BANGKOK: IF HUNTLEY IS STILL IN BANGKOK SUGGEST EMBASSY ATTEMPT TO CONTACT HIM AND ASK IF HE KNOWS HOW LETTERS REACHED SAIGON. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NO LETTERS OR MESSAGES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM OTHERS IN THIS GROUP. SCARBOROUGH IS FLUENT VIETNAMESE LINGUIST, AND HIS PARENTS SPECULATE HE MAY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN SMUGGLING LETTERS OUT THROUGH LOCAL FRIENDS.

5. FYI, WE SPECULATE ICRC MESSAGE LIKE JUNE 4 UPI REPORT MAY ALSO BE BASED ON JAY'S LETTERS, WHICH PRESUMABLY BECAME KNOWN WITHIN SMALL WESTERN COMMUNITY IN SAIGON. END FYI.

6. FOR GENEVA: PLEASE THANK ICRC FOR THIS MESSAGE AND EXPRESS HOPE SIMILAR MESSAGES MAY BE FORTHCOMING FROM REST OF GROUP. REGARDING POSSIBLE RELEASE, PERHAPS THIS CAN BE EFFECTED BY MEANS OF ICRC AIRCRAFT SUCH AS THE ONE WHICH CARRIED RELIEF SUPPLIES FROM BANGKOK TO SAIGON. JUNE 7. KISSINGER

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